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The Bidders' inquiries and Responses may be updated from time to time and bidders are enjoined to check the website regularly and immediately prior to the scheduled bid opening.

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All inquiries must include the contract number.

08-378704	
Inquiry No.	Inquiry/Response
1.0	<p>Question_1: We would like to request for a bid postponement for at 2 weeks for Contract 08-378704. said contract is supposed to bid on Oct. 21, 2010 but it conflicts with several projects we are currently working on, SR-91 Design Build pre-qualification (\$664 M), Pipeline project (\$60 M), as well as other projects bidding after Oct.21, 2010.</p> <p>Response: Bid Opening Date remains unchanged. Please bid as per current contract document.</p>
2.0	<p>Question_2: Will As-built be made available for this project? Specifically related to existing abutment footing elevation and bent pile information.</p> <p>Response: Per Section 5-1.12, "Supplemental Project Information," (page 20) of the special provisions, bridge as-built drawings are available as specified in the Standard Specifications. Refer to Section 2-1.03B, "Supplemental Project Information," (page 11 of 282) of the Amendments to the Standard Specifications for instructions on how to obtain bridge as-built drawings. Bid per the current contract bid documents.</p>
3.0	<p>Question_3: This project is located within the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) reservation.</p> <p>According to the CRIT website, http://www.crit-nsn.gov, any project within CRIT jurisdiction is subject to their Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) requirements:</p> <p><i>The Tribal Employment Rights Title applies to all employers or contractors conducting business within the Colorado River Reservation including: The Council and all its programs, departments, and chartered entities or enterprises; private employers and independent contractors and subcontractors, including those performing work for the Council, any State Government, or the United States.</i></p> <p>Among the many requirements of this code are local Indian employment preferences, and an Employment Rights Fee which is currently 2% of contract value with a proposed amendment to increase it to 3.5%.</p> <p>A copy of the TERO compliance plan is available at:</p>

<http://www.crit-nsn.gov/crittero/tero-compliance-plan.pdf>

The CRIT Tribal Labor code outlining the TERO provisions including the proposed amendments can be found at:

http://www.crit-nsn.gov/crit_contents/notices/D3-Labor-Code-Amendments_022410.pdf

A notice of public hearing on the proposed amendments including the fee increase is posted at: http://www.crit-nsn.gov/crit_contents/notices/labor-code-public-hearing.pdf

Will the contractor be required to comply with the CRIT TERO plan including payment of the fee, or is this project somehow exempt from these rules?

Response: TERO does not apply for this project.